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October 12, 2007

Environmental Management Support, Inc.  
Attn: Mr. Don West  
8601 Georgia Avenue, Suite 500  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Mr. West:

On behalf of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, I am pleased to submit our proposal for the Petroleum Brownfields Assessment Grant Program. The Department is requesting \$200,000 and has chosen to apply the funds toward an inventory and assessment of Petroleum Brownfields in the City of Anderson, South Carolina, in Anderson County.

The City of Anderson would benefit greatly if this grant is awarded. In recent years, sections of the city have experienced a surge in redevelopment and building. However, other areas of the city, especially those where former textile mills are located, have not shared in the redevelopment. Numerous service stations and bulk fuel plants served the needs of the mill villages during their heyday. The closure of several textile mills in the last 30 years has taken the economic engine from these communities, resulting in shuttered stores, deteriorating buildings, and closed service stations. The City of Anderson has developed long term development plans for all areas of the city, and earlier this year Mayor Roberts organized the Electric City Community Council. This group's mission is to meet quarterly to share issues, problems, resources, and best practices. By addressing environmental issues early and proactively, these former corner service stations are great locations for small start-up businesses.

If you have any questions concerning our application, please contact Mr. Mark Berenbrok of the Underground Storage Tank Program at (803) 896-6848.

Sincerely,

Robert W. King, Jr., P.E.  
Deputy Commissioner  
Environmental Quality Control

UST PROGRAM  
DOCKETING # 1

File # 399998

## **Applicant Information**

### **1. Applicant Identification**

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

### **2. Funding Requested**

- a. Grant type: Assessment
- b. Amount: \$200,000
- c. Contamination: Petroleum
- d. Community-wide

### **3. Location**

City of Anderson, South Carolina

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### **4. Contacts**

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The City of Anderson Petroleum Brownfield Project

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5. **Date Submitted**

October 12, 2007

6. **Project Period**

36 months

7. **Population**

South Carolina*	4,321,249
Anderson County*	177,963
City of Anderson	25,514

\*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 Population Estimates. Demographic information for the City of Anderson for the 2006 estimate is not available. Therefore, population and demographic information from the 2000 Census was used.

8. **Other**

The City of Anderson is not a federally recognized tribe, federally designated Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community, federally designated Renewal Community, or a community with an Official Recognition from the Department of Justice for its Weed and Seed strategy.

9. **Cooperative Partners**

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**Threshold Criteria for Assessment Grants**

A. **Applicant Eligibility**

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control is established as a State Agency by South Carolina law.

**B. Letter from the State or Tribal Environmental Authority**

Not applicable. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control is the state environmental authority.

**C. Site Eligibility and Property Ownership Eligibility**

Not applicable. This is a community-wide petroleum or petroleum-product assessment grant application.

**A. Assessment Grant Proposal Budget**

Activities for the project include Phase I Environmental Site Assessments for selected sites, ground penetrating radar studies for selected sites, assessment, and outreach. The proposed budget for the project is presented in the following table. A brief description of the tasks is provided after the table.

Budget Categories	Project Tasks			Total
	Ground Penetrating Radar	Assessment	Community Outreach	
Personnel*	0	0	0	0
Travel*	0	0	0	0
Equipment*	0	0	0	0
Supplies	0	0	200	200
Contractual	9,600	189,200	1,000	199,800
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	9,600	189,200	1,200	200,000

\*The Underground Storage Tank Program has one full-time, fully funded employee whose responsibility is coordinating Petroleum Brownfield Assessment and redevelopment. This employee will administer and coordinate this project. The position is funded through a Federal 128(A) grant. Travel and Equipment costs will be funded through other sources within the Underground Storage Tank Program.

**Ground Penetrating Radar** – At older sites, several generations of underground storage tanks may have existed. The status of underground storage tanks previously used at a site may not be known. Underground storage tanks taken out of use by earlier owners are often unknown to subsequent owners, and surface features such as fill ports may have been paved over. A ground penetrating radar study will be performed at appropriate sites to determine if underground storage tanks are present and to locate any below grade structures. Even if no underground storage tanks are found, the ground penetrating radar study can identify product piping, former underground storage tank excavations, or obstructions. This information will help to optimize the placement of soil borings and monitoring wells installed during assessment. Not all sites will require a ground penetrating radar study. We anticipate conducting 12 ground penetrating radar studies at \$800 each.

**Assessment** – Site assessment will be performed in several phases as described below:

- **History and/or Phase I Environmental Site Assessment** – A detailed site history will be compiled by the Underground Storage Tank Program for each site. If significant data gaps remain, a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment will be performed. We anticipate requiring 12 Phase I Environmental Site Assessments at \$1800 each.
- **Tier 1 Assessment** – A Tier 1 Assessment will be performed at each site. The Tier 1 Assessment includes the installation of three permanent monitoring wells and eight soil borings with sampling, a survey of receptors within 1000 feet, a surveyed map, two aquifer slug tests, and evaluation of documented contaminant concentration with respect to risk based screening levels. We anticipate performing 25 Tier 1 Assessments at \$3,200 each.
- **Tier 2 Assessment** - If additional assessment is required to fully evaluate the petroleum contamination, a Tier 2 assessment will be performed. Tier 2 assessments are customized depending upon site conditions. The cost for a Tier 2 assessment can range from \$15,000 to \$30,000. These efforts will be augmented with state monies where appropriate. We anticipate requiring 6-12 Tier 2 Assessments.

**Community Outreach** – A presentation of findings will be made to stakeholders and community organizations throughout the life of the project and an information repository for the project will be established at the main branch of the Anderson County Public Library in downtown Anderson. A copy of assessment reports, correspondence, lists, information sheets, and the Master List will be kept on file for public review. Public meetings will be announced through Public Notices at the Anderson City Hall, the City of Anderson branches of the Anderson County Public Library, newspaper notices, community newspapers, and the City's television channel and web site. Meetings with community groups will also be made. Printed materials will be developed and provided by the Department's in-house resources and funded through other sources.

## **B. Community Need**

1. The City of Anderson, South Carolina, is in Anderson County located along Interstate Highway 85 in the Upstate region of South Carolina. The City has a population of 25,514 people and is the county seat. In the City, the percentage of families living below the poverty level is 15.4%, while the percentage of individuals living below the poverty level is 20.8%. Minorities make up 36.9% of the population. On the South side of the City, the percentage of families living below the poverty level is 17.2%, while the percentage of individuals living below the poverty level is 23.5%. Minorities make up 45.4% of the population. Single female heads of households in the area are 39.9%. The unemployment rate for the city is 11.4%. The unemployment rate for Anderson County is 6.9%. Single female heads of households is 18.7%. While the population of Anderson County has grown rapidly over the last ten years (increasing from 145,196 in 1990 to 165,740 in 2000 and an estimated 177,963 in 2006), the population of the city of Anderson declined from 26,184 to 25,514 in 2000. This data was obtained from the United States Census Bureau, the South Carolina Employment Security Commission, and the City.

From the late 1800s thru the 1980s, textile mills employed a large portion of the City's workforce. Each mill and their accompanying mill village formed a distinct community within the city. At one time there were 12 mills operating in or around the City, and it was common to find three generations of a family employed at the same mill at the same time. Numerous corner service stations and bulk fuel plants served the needs of the mill villages during their heyday. The closure of the textile mills beginning in the 1970s took the economic engine from these communities. Each closure resulted in shuttered stores and homes, deteriorating buildings, and high unemployment. In the 1990's, fires destroyed or partially destroyed four area mill sites, and concerned citizens and government continue to struggle with adaptive reuse possibilities of these properties. The Anderson Mill site burned again in July 2007 and damaged several adjacent homes. Two mills are in operation today with a greatly reduced workforce. Infrastructure such as water and sewer lines built for the mill villages is deteriorating.

After the adoption of a Downtown Master Plan in 1996 and a host of public and private improvements, redevelopment potential in downtown Anderson's Main Street corridor has reached an all-time high. However, in the outlying areas developers are struggling with the challenges of properties such as deteriorating buildings, former gas stations, abandoned mill sites and tire and junk warehouses, all remnants of downtown's pre-development phase.

2. The City of Anderson community will greatly benefit from having a comprehensive Petroleum Brownfields Inventory and Assessment. There are several vacant, burned mills located within close proximity of homes that were rehabilitated, constructed and/or planned for future Economic and Community Development Department projects. Vacant gas stations are numerous in these communities. The elimination of slum and blight is one of the national objectives addressed by the Economic and Community Development Department. This project will enhance the appearance of Anderson's neighborhoods by eliminating a major distress factor. Many of the old gas stations are in poor condition. Buildings have fallen into disrepair with broken windows, and also contribute to a crime and rodent problem. Addressing environmental concerns at these sites will facilitate actions to either refurbish or raze the structures. In addition, addressing Petroleum Brownfield sites would make newly constructed homes in the area more marketable to potential home buyers. Reuse of Brownfields sites and adjacent vacant structures will also deter criminal activities from occurring and hopefully decrease

the risk of fires from occurring at the sites. Former gas stations are often located on desirable corner lots. The buildings are large enough to house start-up businesses but small enough to be redeveloped without excessive cost. However, their redevelopment is doubtful without study to determine if underground storage tanks or environmental impact exists.

This proposal does include the Main Street District and the Tax Increment Finance District that was the subject of the City of Anderson USTfields Pilot Project awarded in October 2001. The great majority of the funds for this project will be directed to those areas outside the Main Street District and the Tax Increment Finance District. Areas outside the City of Anderson USTfield Pilot Project will be given preference during the assessment and inventory process.

3. Old dilapidated mill sites are scattered throughout the city and county. The homes of the former mill villages are older, often in poor condition, and increasingly owned by absentee landlords. Crime and vagrancy are a problem in vacant homes. The closure of these mills resulted in the closure of the support industries that serviced the mill and its employees. These support industries include gas stations and bulk fuel sites. Environmental issues and lack of information about underground storage tanks are two of the challenges to redeveloping these properties. A mill site on Gossett Street is located just outside the City limits not far from the City's East Anderson Redevelopment Area. A majority of the mill village associated with this mill is located in the City. Portions of the area are in a flood plain. Drainage and rodents were a problem. The City constructed and rehabilitated several homes, installed a drainage system, redeveloped a park and completed street improvements. However, the mill site and vacant support businesses are blights in the area. The Appleton Mill had been vacant for many years when it burned in the 1990s. The City has constructed homes for first time home buyers and rehabilitated owner occupied homes in the area, but the remains of the mill and questions about environmental issues are an on-going concern.

There are at least ten former mill sites in the City that are inactive. The Anderson Mill site is the largest at 19 acres. Other mill sites average 5-10 acres. Vacant mill sites are poorly secured and overgrown. Arson, crime, and vagrancy are a problem at the sites that often spills over onto adjacent homes and businesses. The number of former petroleum sites such as gas stations is unknown. However, a review of Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for the mill villages from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century indicates it was not unusual to identify 10-15 petroleum sites within a few blocks of the mill. Most of the petroleum sites are less than one acre in size.

### **C. Site Selection Process**

1. The inventory of Petroleum Brownfields in Anderson will complement the City's long-range development plan and also incorporate those areas or specific sites identified during community outreach meetings. A key component of the inventory effort will be compare the list of sites developed from the City and community meetings with those in the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Underground Storage Tank Program database. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Underground Storage Tank Program has an extensive database that includes over 19,200 facilities, 45,000 underground storage tanks, and 8,833 confirmed releases. Some sites in the City are already in the Underground Storage Tank Program database. In some cases assessment may has been completed or is ongoing. In those instances the database information will be provided to the City and community and, if appropriate, the site will be considered for inclusion in the

assessment phase of the project. A Master List of all potential sites will be compiled and each site will be tracked throughout the duration of the project. The Master List will be updated twice yearly and will be available for review in the information file maintained at the Anderson County Public Library.

The Petroleum Brownfield Coordinator of the Underground Storage Tank Program is the South Carolina contact for determining if sites are eligible for Brownfields grant funding. The Underground Storage Tank Program will apply South Carolina laws and regulations to eligibility determinations.

2. The City has not previously made an effort to inventory existing and former petroleum sites. Initially, prioritization will be based upon the City's and community's input and high interest sites will be assessed first. The Tier 1 Assessment performed at each site will allow the Underground Storage Tank Program to score any petroleum contamination by taking into account the current and future risk posed by releases. If no petroleum contamination is found or contaminant levels are below risk-based screening levels, the project can be closed and a "No Further Action Required" letter issued. Subsequent prioritization will depend, in part, on contaminant levels and funding priorities.

3. The Underground Storage Tank Program does anticipate conducting assessment activities on privately owned sites. From previous experience, it is likely that a good percentage of the property owners have contemplated addressing environmental issues but have not followed through because of concerns concerning liability issues or they were unsure about how to start. Underground Storage Tank Program personnel and City personnel will meet with property owners and stakeholders to outline the objectives and goals of the project. The Underground Storage Tank Program has been successful in the past by explaining to property owners that the proposed activities are the same activities they would likely have to perform if they sold the site. The Underground Storage Tank Program will administer the project and provide copies of all reports and findings to the owner. Since the Underground Storage Tank Program is using its contractors to perform the standardized scope of work, the costs will be considerably less than what the owner would have to pay to obtain the same services. This cost difference is due to the Underground Storage Tank Program's performance based contracting protocol and the economy-of-scale we receive from our pre-approved contractors. A written description of work to be performed will be provided to property owners. A signed right-of-entry will be obtained prior to beginning any work.

#### **D. Sustainable Use of Brownfields**

1. After the adoption of a Downtown Master Plan in 1996 and a host of public and private improvements, redevelopment potential in Downtown Anderson has reached an all-time high. The comprehensive plan includes land use elements, and the City has mandated tighter regulation and stricter guidelines for new businesses to prevent future Brownfields. The City is developing plans to implement the Anderson Bicycle and Greenway Plan. The Greenways under consideration all run along creeks or streams in the City and will link public facilities in an attempt to make them more available to the public while giving to pedestrian traveler a trip option other than an automobile. The greenways utilize otherwise un-developable flood plain land and utility easements. Blighted areas in Southern Anderson are to be included in the second phase of greenway development. The additions of greenway amenities and resolution of environmental issues at properties in the proximity of the greenways will encourage both development and redevelopment along the selected corridors. The bike lanes and paved shoulders will work with the planned greenway areas to give travel options and link destinations.



In 2006 the City began a process to implement a stormwater management program. The process required the City to submit an application for a NPDES permit. The permit requires the City to address the quality of stormwater runoff through a number of requirements, including a reliable and sufficient source of funding for the program. To this end, the City has established a Stormwater Utility.

Demolition of former mill buildings creates large amount of debris. Reuse of suitable construction materials such as timbers, flooring, and brick is already being addressed through private companies. Plans will be developed for preservation of native vegetation and disposal of debris as eco-friendly as possible without deterring future development.

2. There has been considerable growth in the City's Downtown District. The City is considering extending the boundaries of the Downtown District to include additional properties, that, when developed, would expand the tax base. The ratio of residential to commercial is increasing, creating a natural support system and economic stimulator for the businesses that exist.

By addressing environmental issues in outlying areas, groups such as the Anderson Community Development Corporation can begin to actively seek developers for retail or light industry. Ultimately this investment and economic development in support businesses will eventually lead to an expanded tax base and job creation. The goal will also be to link the area back to downtown Anderson, so residents do not feel ostracized from the City as a whole. Letters of support from the Anderson Community Development Corporation, Main Street Program of Anderson, Anderson County Development Partnership, and Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce are included in Appendix A.

3. Development of greenspace leisure areas will encourage residential mix and visitor opportunities, both vital to growing a walkable community. By initializing the process through the grant funds, communities can become motivated to discuss other cleanup projects in the area. The eventual goal is to link these outlying areas to downtown and have a walkable community. Affordable housing is also a priority of the City, and its first development is located on Murray and Franklin Streets. The City housing program assists people with first-time homebuyer programs, as well as rehabilitation programs for applicable structures, often located in former mill villages.

#### **E. Creation and/or Preservation of Greenspace/Open Space or Nonprofit Purpose**

The City is developing plans to implement the Anderson Bicycle and Greenway Plan. The Greenways under consideration all run along creeks or streams in the City. They link public facilities in an attempt to make them more available to the public while giving to pedestrian traveler a trip option other than an automobile. The City creeks currently under review for greenways include Cox's Creek and Bailey's Creek with others to follow in both southern and northern Anderson. These greenways utilize otherwise undevelopable flood plain land and utility easements. There are blighted areas in Southern Anderson that are to be included in the second phase of greenway development. Hopefully the additions of greenway amenities and resolution of environmental issues at properties in the proximity of the greenways will encourage both development and redevelopment along the selected corridors. The greenways will be maintained by the City's Public Works Department or by a contractor hired by the City.

In conjunction with plans for Greenways the City is also planning bike facilities along major thoroughfares throughout the city. These bike lanes and paved shoulders work hand-in-hand with the planned greenway areas to give travel options and link destinations. Bike facilities also add an additional amenity to the travel system that hopefully encourages redevelopment. As development and redevelopment occur, neighborhoods, apartment complexes, office parks, and shopping areas will be encouraged to link into the pedestrian system. The bike lanes are located in the public roads and will be maintained with the road.

**F. Pre-Award Community Notification**

1. The targeted community is the City of Anderson. The community will be notified of the project through the following means:
  - Public notices posted at the Anderson City Hall and Anderson County Public Library branches located in the city;
  - Public service announcements on the City's television channel and web-site;
  - Public notices posted in the Anderson Independent-Mail, the local newspaper;
  - The City will provide a list of community and business organizations. Announcements will be sent to their officers;
  - A public presentation will be made to a regularly scheduled meeting of the Anderson City Council;
  - The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Office of Media Relations will prepare a press release for the media;
  - A presentation will be made to the Electric City Community Council. The City has created the Electric City Community Council, which consists of city leaders and representatives of the existing seven neighborhood organizations. The group's mission is to meet quarterly to discuss issues, problems, resources, and best practices for solutions.

The public notices will be written in plain language, include information concerning the project and project area, and include the name and contact information for the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Petroleum Brownfields Coordinator. Comments will be accepted by telephone, e-mail, comments at public meetings, or in writing.

An Information Sheet concerning the project will be provided at public meetings and will include the name, telephone number, mailing address, and e-mail address of the Petroleum Brownfields Coordinator of the Underground Storage Tank Program.

2. The notification methods include both broadcast and print media, public notices at gathering places, and presentations to public and community groups and organizations. Public presentations, public notices, written announcements, and announcements via the City television channel and website should reach the majority of the target community. Presentations and notices will be in English.

United Way of Anderson County is supporting this project. United Way facilitates a team of volunteer community leaders whose focus is strengthening neighborhoods. It also collaborates with neighborhood associations and many other local partners, as well as running the local volunteer center and information and referral hotline. Since the United Way and local community groups are most familiar with their neighborhoods, they will be contacted to determine if written and/or verbal translation services are

required, and that outreach efforts include the underserved and broader community. Translation services are provided by the Department's in-house resources and funded through other sources.

3. The inventory and assessment project for Petroleum Brownfield sites in the City will be an on-going process probably lasting 36 months. A draft, flexible work plan for implementing the project will be developed with a public comment period of 30 days. Since it is anticipated that new, potential sites will be found throughout the duration of the project, public comments will be accepted as long as the project is on going. The work plan will be flexible enough to incorporate worthwhile comments and suggestions.

4. All comments will be compiled into a list and a written response prepared for each. Commenters will be contacted for those comments requiring clarification or additional detail. Comments concerning procedural matters will be evaluated by the staff of the Underground Storage Tank Program to determine their feasibility and will be incorporated into the work plan if judged worthwhile. Comments concerning specific sites or areas will be evaluated against the site selection criteria. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Underground Storage Tank Program has an extensive database that includes over 19,200 facilities, 45,000 underground storage tanks, and 8,833 confirmed releases. Some sites in the City are already in the Underground Storage Tank Program database. In some cases assessment may have been completed or is ongoing. In those instances the commenter will be notified of the status of the site and the site will be added to the Master List. A Master List of all potential sites will be compiled and each site will be tracked throughout the duration of the project. The Master List will be updated twice yearly and will be available for review in the information file maintained at the main branch of the Anderson County Public Library in the City.

#### **G. Ongoing Community Involvement**

1. Progress concerning the assessment, any cleanup, and redevelopment of sites will be provided to the citizens of the community at public meetings and regularly scheduled city meetings. Information sheets concerning recent activities will be provided. The public meetings will be announced through Public Notices at the Anderson City Hall, the City of Anderson branches of the Anderson County Public Library, newspaper notices, and the City's television channel and web site. Meetings with community groups will also be made. It is anticipated that meetings with community groups will generate more interest since the attendees are likely to be familiar with properties in the area. A copy of the assessment reports and information sheets will be kept on file for public review at the main branch of the Anderson County Public Library in downtown Anderson. No community involvement activities for this project have occurred at this time.

2. The City and the Underground Storage Tank Program partnered to successfully implement the City of Anderson USTfields Pilot Project in 2001. For this project, the City is planning to provide meeting space, mailing lists, and outreach assistance to facilitate the inventory and assessment process. The City is also planning to provide resources in the form of heavy equipment, personnel, and materials for clearing sites in preparation for assessment activities and the removal of underground storage tanks. Personnel from the Underground Storage Tank Program will provide technical guidance during removal activities, and evaluate and direct assessment activities. City departments such as the Fire, Police, and Economic Development attend monthly community meetings to keep groups informed of activities in their areas and get feedback concerning community issues and concerns. Updates concerning the

project will be provided at these meetings and comments will be accepted. Updates will continue during the life of the project. Letters of support from the Anderson Fire Department and Anderson Police Department are included in Appendix B.

Personnel from the Underground Storage Tank Program and the City will meet with stakeholders to insure each party has a clear understanding of a site's status and any planned assessment and/or redevelopment activities.

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4. The following community groups are supporting the City of Anderson Petroleum Brownfield Project. Their letters of support is included in Appendix C.

- Alphabet Streets Community Group is a self-organized community group that meets monthly in the Appleton Mill Area in order to combat crime and work together throughout the neighborhood. Rodney Cobb is the organizer and contact person for the group. His address is 313 F Street, Anderson, S.C., 29625. Cel # is 864-367-7137.
- United Way of Anderson County is a locally governed organization working to create lasting positive changes in Anderson communities and people's lives. United Way facilitates a team of volunteer community leaders whose focus is strengthening neighborhoods. It collaborates with neighborhood associations and other local partners, as well as running the local volunteer center and information and referral hotline. Jamie Nimmo is the Vice President, Community Impact. Phone # is 864-226-3438.
- The Westside Community Center, Inc. is a non-profit 501 C(3) organization. Its early mission was to renovate the vacant Westside High School into a multi-service community-based center to house programs and services that would address the needs of the underserved community, enhance the quality of life of citizens and promote healthy growth, self-sufficiency and empowerment. It houses the Westside Community Health Center, Communities In Schools, and evening classes for the Anderson School District Five Adult Education Program. Dr. Beatrice Thompson is the Director. Phone # is 864-260-1093.

## **H. Reduction of Threats to Human Health and the Environment**

1. The grant funds will be used for the inventory and assessment of Petroleum Brownfield sites in the City of Anderson. The Underground Storage Tank Program uses risk-based decisions concerning corrective action for releases of petroleum and petroleum products. The risk-based corrective action decision process takes into account the current and potential future risk posed by releases. The risk is defined by using site-specific data concerning receptors, exposure potential, site hydrogeology, the type, amount, toxicity of the Chemicals of Concern, and the proposed end use of the site. Ensuring that corrective actions are protective of human health and the environment is the objective of the risk-based approach.

Sites will be evaluated to determine if abatement is required. Tanks will be emptied of fluids and secured if required. A visual inspection of the site will be made to identify potential sources of contamination (aboveground tanks or underground storage tanks), stressed vegetation, surface spills, or potential impacted receptors. A Tier 1 Assessment will be performed at the site. The Tier 1 Assessment includes the installation of three permanent monitoring wells and eight soil borings with sampling, a survey of receptors within 1000 feet, a surveyed map, two aquifer slug tests, and evaluation of documented contaminant concentration with respect to risk based screening levels. The objective of this standardized scope of work is the completion of a Tier 1 Risk-Based Corrective Action evaluation and site classification.

In the event additional assessment is required after the Tier 1 assessment is completed, a Tier 2 assessment will be performed. The Tier 2 assessment will fully define the extent of petroleum contamination and evaluate the current and future exposure pathways identified in the Tier 1 site conceptual model. Tier 2 assessments are customized depending upon site conditions.

The tiered approach is used to evaluate the petroleum release by integrating risk assessment, risk management, site assessment, monitoring, and corrective action selection that is protective of the proposed end use of the site.

Information gathered in the assessment is provided to potential purchasers and financial institutions in a letter that can facilitate property transfer and financing related to future use. The letter includes the current status of the release and clarifies that the site has coverage under the state fund if applicable. South Carolina's state fund provides coverage for site rehabilitation and third party liability up to \$1 million. The clarification of liability and the available assessment information provided by the state greatly enhances the ability to secure financing on property and facilitates future use.

Releases that receive a conditional "No Further Action Required" letter are required to report any changes to engineering controls. The Underground Storage Tank Program also periodically returns and re-evaluates sites that have received a conditional closure to confirm assumptions.

2. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control is the health and environmental authority for the State of South Carolina. Protection of human health and the environment during the assessment and cleanup of contamination is a foremost concern of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. City of Anderson officials will coordinate

with the Underground Storage Tank Program's personnel and its contractors to secure sites during the site assessment activities.

All site assessment activities are conducted by a certified site rehabilitation contractor as required by the State Underground Petroleum Environmental Response Bank Site Rehabilitation and Fund Access Regulations. All site rehabilitation activities require technical approval by the Underground Storage Tank Program in accordance with state and federal directives.

Assessment activities at petroleum sites include the installation of soil borings and monitoring wells, resulting in the generation of soil cuttings and waste waters. In addition, sampling of monitoring wells, pumping tests, and free product recovery tests result in the generation of wastewaters. All soil and wastewater generated during boring construction, monitoring well development or purging, aquifer testing, or free product recovery is stored in 55-gallon drums or equivalent containers. Contractors are required to sample, analyze, transport, and dispose of any soil or wastewater in accordance with South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control guidelines. Copies of certificates of disposal are included in the assessment reports. In the event storage containers cannot be adequately secured pending receipt of analytical results, arrangements can be made to transport the containers to a secure location. Soil vapor extraction tests are required to be permitted by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control's Bureau of Air Quality.

To be protective of public health and the environment during assessment and cleanup (site rehabilitation), contractors are required to perform air monitoring, maintain dust control and run-off control, coordinate with local businesses, post public notice to nearby residents, and obtain written right-of-entry for all activities. South Carolina certified contractors must carry a minimum of \$2.3 million in insurance coverage to address problems. Underground Storage Tank Program project managers also conduct site visits to monitor activities and address any concerns.

Coordinates for all sites and releases are taken and maintained within the Underground Storage Tank Program database. This information is used by the Department's Bureau of Water to produce maps showing source water protection areas and illustrate how identification and site rehabilitation is important to source water protection.

All soil borings that are not converted to a permanent monitoring well must be properly abandoned under the supervision of a South Carolina Certified Well Driller in accordance with South Carolina Well Standards and Regulations.

The Underground Storage Tank Program contacts the Department's Environmental Liaisons when it is found that a release may have impacted the public health. The Environmental Liaison coordinates the risk communication for the Department and is the key contact for citizens and local health agencies who have questions or concerns about environmental activities in their communities and possible health effects. Private and public water sources can be sampled and health screenings and interviews can be held for the potentially affected community.

#### **I. Leveraging of Additional Resources**

1. The state of South Carolina has a state fund that assists in the assessment and/or cleanup of petroleum releases from regulated underground storage tank systems. The state fund has a \$25,000 per occurrence per release deductible. Petroleum Brownfield funds spent for the assessment of the site will be applied towards the deductible. After the deductible has been satisfied, state funds can be used to continue the assessment and/or cleanup.

All underground storage tanks will be inspected to determine if they contain product and/or water. The Underground Storage Tank Program will have liquids removed from underground storage tanks if required. State funds will be used for this activity.

The City of Anderson is planning to provide meeting space, mailing lists, and outreach assistance to facilitate the inventory and assessment process. The City is also planning to provide resources in the form of heavy equipment, personnel, and materials for clearing sites in preparation for assessment activities and the removal of underground storage tanks. Personnel from the Underground Storage Tank Program will provide technical guidance during removal activities, and evaluate and direct assessment activities.

2. The Underground Storage Tank Program has one full-time, fully funded employee whose responsibility is coordinating Petroleum Brownfield assessment and redevelopment.

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Efforts will be made to identify other funding sources.

The Underground Storage Tank Program uses standardized scopes of work to perform the initial assessment process. When the Underground Storage Tank Program uses its contractors to perform the standardized scope of work, the costs will be considerably less than what the City would have to pay to obtain the same services. This cost difference is due to the Underground Storage Tank Program's performance based contracting protocol and the economy-of-scale we receive from our pre-approved contractors.

#### **J. Programmatic Capability**

1. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control is the implementing agency for regulated underground storage tanks in South Carolina. The Underground Storage Tank Program has extensive experience in managing federal grants and state funds relating to the assessment and cleanup of releases from regulated underground storage tank systems. The Underground Storage Tank Program uses standardized scopes of work for the assessment of petroleum releases. All work plans and costs are pre-approved prior to authorizing activities, and all contractors performing work are certified by the state.

The Underground Storage Tank Program has one full-time, fully funded employee whose responsibility is coordinating Petroleum Brownfield assessment and redevelopment. The position is funded through a Federal 128(A) grant. The Underground Storage Tank Program has also begun to address a limited number of non-regulated petroleum sources (aboveground storage tanks and heating oil underground storage tanks) through the Petroleum Brownfields initiative.

Any funds remaining after the assessment is complete will be used at other Petroleum Brownfield sites in South Carolina. Other Petroleum Brownfield sites in the Anderson area will be given priority.

The Underground Storage Tank Program received a \$25,000 EPA Petroleum Brownfields Assessment Grant in 2004 for Campbell's Service Center in Jackson, South Carolina. The EPA awarded \$100,000 to the Underground Storage Tank Program in August 2002 for the City of Greenville USTfields Pilot Project. The EPA awarded \$100,000 to the Underground Storage Tank Program in October 2001 for the City of Anderson USTfields Pilot Project. The projects are outlined below.

#### Campbell's Service Center, Jackson, South Carolina

A service station at the site had been closed since 1995 when the owner died. Five underground storage tanks that did not meet standards were located at the site and the owner's heirs had declined to accept the property. Petroleum contamination had been confirmed at the site in 1999. Significant accomplishments include the following:

- Aiken County and the Town of Jackson combined resources to clear the site of vegetation in preparation of a ground penetrating radar survey and assessment activities;
- A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment was performed;
- The Town of Jackson coordinated the removal of asbestos containing materials from the former service station building prior to its demolition by Aiken County;
- The Quality Assurance Project Plan was approved by the Environmental Protection Agency;
- Aiken County and the Town of Jackson combined resources to remove the underground storage tanks in March 2007 and dispose of them. The assessment of the site has been completed and it is a candidate for monitored natural attenuation. The Town of Jackson has completed redevelopment of the property into a roadside park and the grand opening was in September 2007.

The state of South Carolina has a state fund that assists in the assessment and/or cleanup of petroleum releases from regulated underground storage tank systems. The state fund has a \$25,000 per occurrence per release deductible. Funds spent for the assessment of the site were applied towards the deductible. Approximately \$6,600 in state funds were used to continue the assessment after the \$25,000 in grant funds were exhausted.

#### City of Greenville USTfields Pilot Project

Six sites at the intersection of four city streets in the West Greenville neighborhood had a history of petroleum storage. The intersection is approximately 900 feet from the Reedy River and is known by local residents as "Greasy Corner." Significant accomplishments include the following:



- A ground penetrating radar survey was performed at six sites. A previously unknown underground storage tank containing water and gasoline was found and emptied;
- Site histories dating to 1908 were compiled for all six sites;
- Assessment at five sites was performed. The owner of the sixth site declined to participate because of potential liability issues if petroleum contamination was found;
- Deteriorated buildings at three sites were demolished;
- The initial assessment indicated no significant petroleum contamination at three sites and the projects were closed. Petroleum contamination was found at two sites. Additional assessment was performed and the projects were subsequently closed.
- The Upstate Homeless Coalition paid for the assessment of the sixth site. No petroleum contamination was found and the project was closed. The Upstate Homeless Coalition purchased the property and constructed a building with 15 units of affordable housing. Resources for tenants with special needs and/or services are also available;
- The Salvation Army of Greenville County acquired one site and surrounding properties and received a \$46 million gift from the late Joan Kroc to build a community center at the site. The Greenville Kroc Center will provide recreation, education and family services for the entire community and will also be home for the Boys and Girls Club.
- Approximately \$67,000 dollars was left over after the assessment at "Greasy Corner" was complete. Five additional sites in the Greenville area were identified and the remaining funds were used for assessments that were completed in March 2006. The Underground Storage Tank Program has cost-recovered the \$67,000 from the South Carolina state fund and will use those recovered funds at other Petroleum Brownfield sites.

#### City of Anderson USTfields Pilot Project

The City of Anderson was restoring its Main Street District and had established a Tax Increment Finance District to encourage improve in the entire area. City officials had reported obstacles associated with underground storage tank sites that impaired the ability to implement the revitalization project.

- The city used its resources to remove and dispose of four underground storage tanks at Coy Owens Furniture and Auto Upholstery on Main Street. A release was confirmed. Pilot project funds were used for the initial and Tier 1 assessment. The release investigation was closed in February 2003.
- The city acquired the former Ford Specialist site in March 2003. The underground storage tanks at the site were not in compliance with Federal and State regulations. The city used its resources to remove six underground storage tanks. A release was confirmed. Pilot project funds were used for the Tier 1 and Tier 2 assessments. Cleanup activities are continuing and are being financed with the state fund.
- Pilot project funds were used to continue the assessment of Smith's Gulf Station. Smith's Gulf Station is adjacent to a former railroad property the city wants to acquire and redevelop as a bus terminal. The railroad property is a City of Anderson Brownfield Assessment Grant Project. The release from Smith's Gulf Station has migrated onto the railroad property. Cost recovery from the state fund for the pilot project funds used for the assessment was made.
- Pilot project funds were used to continue the assessment of Drake's Service Station. Drake's Service Station was located on a parcel the city wanted to acquire and redevelop as parking

for downtown businesses. Cleanup activities are continuing and are being financed with the state fund.

- Pilot project funds were used to continue the assessment of Clinkscale's Service Station. Clinkscale's Service Station was located on a parcel the city wanted to acquire and redevelop as parking for downtown businesses. Cleanup activities are continuing and are being financed with the state fund.

2. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control is the implementing agency for most federally mandated environmental programs in South Carolina. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control has implemented these programs and administered the consolidated grants and cooperative agreements since the United States Environmental Protection Agency began to provide funding. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control has not received an adverse audit funding due to its federal fund management. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control has never been required to comply with special "high risk" terms and conditions under agency regulations implementing OMB Circular A-102.

3. The Underground Storage Tank Program is a recipient of an EPA Petroleum Brownfields Assessment Grant in 2004 for Campbell's Service Center in Jackson, South Carolina, an USTfields Pilot Project in August 2002 for the City of Greenville, and an USTfields Pilot Project in October 2001 for the City of Anderson.

The USTfield Pilot Project for the City of Anderson and the USTfield Pilot Project for the City of Greenville have been completed. The Undergrounds Storage Tank Program remains in compliance with quarterly and annual progress and financial reporting requirements. The Underground Storage Tank Program remains in compliance with quarterly and annual progress and financial reporting requirements for the Petroleum Brownfields Assessment Grant for Campbell's Service Center.

4. A work plan for implementing the project will be prepared that includes detailed goals and timelines. Criteria for evaluating progress will include the following:

- Number of sites assessed
- Number of sites where a "No Further Action Required" letter has been issued
- Number of sites moved closer to receiving a "No Further Action Required" letter
- Number of underground storage tanks permanently closed
- Number of presentations at community meetings
- Number of jobs created
- Completion and approval of QAMP and QAPP
- Number of Phase I Environmental Site Assessments and Property Profile Forms completed
- Resources leveraged. This could include state funding or services provided by community groups or local governments such as meeting facilities, site preparation work, and personnel and/or equipment for site work.

## **Appendix A**

### **Letters of Support**

**Anderson Community Development Corporation**

**Main Street Program of Anderson**

**Anderson County Development Partnership**

**Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce**

Anderson Community Development Corporation  
401 South Main Street Anderson, SC 29624 864.231.2229

October 8, 2007

Mr. Mark Berenbrok  
SCDHEC, Petroleum Brownfields Coordinator  
Bureau of Land and Waste Management  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

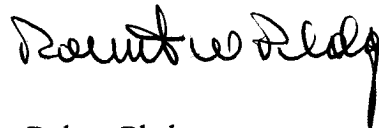
Dear Mr. Berenbrok:

Please accept this letter in support of the grant proposal for inventory and assessment of petroleum Brownfield sites. Economic development opportunities can be enhanced greatly in the Anderson area by advance steps that position real estate for the next level of productive activity. While the City of Anderson is making strides both downtown and in residential neighborhoods to bolster new investment and reverse the trend of decline, local government cannot do it alone. This grant opportunity can be an energizing endeavor aimed at reaching many facets of our community.

The goal of the Anderson Community Development Corporation is to enhance and augment economic development projects within certain redevelopment areas encompassed in the city limits of Anderson, South Carolina. The potential Brownfield sites are within the defined redevelopment areas that our organization can work in and could jumpstart a movement for future economic development.

The environmental challenges of redeveloping sites in our urban area will be less daunting with the results of the inventory and assessment. The prospect of such assistance is most encouraging and will support other local ongoing efforts aimed at strengthening our economy and our community. The Anderson Community Development Corporation supports this proposal and looks forward to being involved.

Sincerely,

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Robert Pledger  
Chairman of the Board

**Main Street Program of Anderson, Inc.  
Economic Restructuring Committee  
4034 Windward Trail  
Anderson, SC 29621**

September 27, 2007

Mr. Mark Berenbrok  
SCDHEC, Petroleum Brownfields Coordinator  
Bureau of Land and Waste Management  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

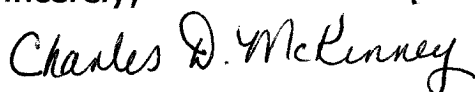
Dear Mr. Berenbrok:

I am the chairman of the Main Street Economic Restructuring Committee for Downtown Anderson, South Carolina. Our group focuses on making our downtown area a desirable place for investment so that we can successfully recruit new businesses and make sure that new businesses are on a sustainable footing.

I am writing this letter in support of the grant proposal for inventory and assessment of petroleum Brownfield sites. The Downtown area will greatly benefit from the economic recovery of the surrounding neighborhoods. This recovery is based in part on successful remediation of old Brownfield sites. This assessment will allow us to move forward with work that will make economic development and investment in the area more realistic.

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Sincerely,



Charles D. McKinney  
Committee Chair

ANDERSON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT  
**PARTNERSHIP**  
*Partners for Economic Development*

October 1, 2007



Mr. Mark Berenbrok  
SCDHEC, Petroleum Brownfields Coordinator  
Bureau of Land and Waste Management  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Mr. Berenbrok:

The Anderson County Development Partnership, a public/private non-profit organization created by Anderson County, the City of Anderson and private businesses dedicated to encouraging economic development in Anderson County, is in support of the grant proposal for inventory and assessment of petroleum Brownfield sites. Economic development opportunities can be enhanced greatly in the Anderson area by advance steps that position real estate for the next level of productive activity. While the City of Anderson is making strides both downtown and in residential neighborhoods to bolster new investment and reverse the trend of decline, local government cannot do it alone. This grant opportunity can be an energizing endeavor aimed at reaching many facets of our community.

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Sincerely,

Michael T. Panasko  
President





# ANDERSON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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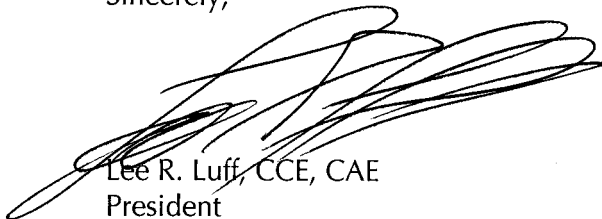
Mr. Mark Berenbrok  
SCDHEC, Petroleum Brownfields Coordinator  
Bureau of Land and Waste Management  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Mr. Berenbrok:

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The environmental challenges of redeveloping sites in our urban area will be less daunting with the results of the inventory and assessment. The prospect of such assistance is most encouraging and will support other local ongoing efforts aimed at strengthening our economy and our community. The Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce supports this proposal and looks forward to being involved.

Sincerely,



Lee R. Luff, CCE, CAE  
President



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U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
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## **Appendix B**

### **Letters of Support**

**Anderson Fire Department**

**Anderson Police Department**



October 8, 2007

Mr. Mark Berenbrok  
SCDHEC, Petroleum Brownfields Coordinator  
Bureau of Land and Waste Management  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

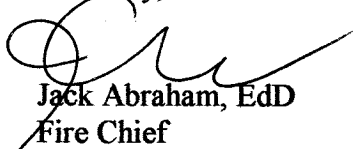
Dear Mr. Berenbrok:

As Fire Chief of the Anderson City Fire Department, I strongly support the grant proposal for inventory and assessment of petroleum Brownfield sites. The Appleton Mill has been the location of several serious fires which caused total structural destruction of the mill site and damaged several adjacent homes. The area is now unsecured and potentially the site for illegal activity and unknown health concerns; especially for children who may play in the area.

This area is adjacent to the City of Anderson and Anderson County. It can serve as a catalyst to economic development resulting in job creation and improved quality of life for area residents. This grant is an important opportunity to help Anderson recover from the loss of its primary industrial base and attract private investors so progress towards a productive future for the area and South Carolina can continue.

Thank you for your consideration of this grant application. If the Anderson City Fire Department can be of any assistance or if you need additional information, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,



Jack Abraham, EdD  
Fire Chief



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**POLICE DEPARTMENT**


October 4, 2007

Mr. Mark Berenbrok  
SCDHEC, Petroleum Brownfields Coordinator  
Bureau of Land and Waste Management  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Mr. Berenbrok:

Please accept this letter in support of the grant proposal for inventory and assessment of petroleum Brownfield sites. Economic development opportunities can be enhanced greatly in the Anderson area by advance steps that position real estate for the next level of productive activity. While the City of Anderson is making strides both downtown and in residential neighborhoods to bolster new investment and reverse the trend of decline, local government cannot do it alone. This grant opportunity can be an energizing endeavor aimed at reaching many facets of our community.

The environmental challenges of redeveloping sites in our urban area will be less daunting with the results of the inventory and assessment. The prospect of such assistance is most encouraging and will support other local ongoing efforts aimed at strengthening our economy and our community. The Anderson Police Department supports this proposal and looks forward to being involved.

Sincerely,  
Martin D Brown   
Chief of Police

## **Appendix C**

### **Letters of Support**

**Alphabet Streets Community Group**

**United Way of Anderson County**

**Westside Community Center**

October 9, 2007

Mr. Mark Berenbrok  
SCDHEC, Petroleum Brownfields Coordinator  
Bureau of Land and Waste Management  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Mr. Berenbrok:

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The environmental challenges of redeveloping sites in our urban area will be less daunting with the results of the inventory and assessment. The prospect of such assistance is most encouraging and will support other local ongoing efforts aimed at strengthening our economy and our community. The Alphabet Streets Community Group supports this proposal and looks forward to being involved.

Sincerely,

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Rodney Cobb  
Alphabet Streets Community Group

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**UNDERGROUND STORAGE  
TANK PROGRAM**

October 2, 2007

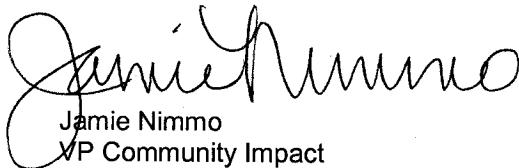
Mr. Mark Berenbrok  
SCDHEC, Petroleum Brownfields Coordinator  
Bureau of Land and Waste Management  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Mr. Berenbrok:

Please accept this letter in support of the grant proposal for inventory and assessment of petroleum Brownfield sites in Anderson, South Carolina. Economic development opportunities can be enhanced greatly in the Anderson area by advance steps that position real estate for the next level of productive activity. While the City of Anderson is making strides both downtown and in residential neighborhoods to bolster new investment and reverse the trend of decline, local government cannot do it alone. This grant opportunity can be an energizing endeavor aimed at reaching many facets of our community.

The environmental challenges of redeveloping sites in our urban area will be less daunting with the results of the inventory and assessment. The prospect of such assistance is most encouraging and will support other local ongoing efforts aimed at strengthening our economy and our community. The United Way of Anderson County supports this proposal and looks forward to being involved.

Sincerely,



Jamie Nimmo  
VP Community Impact  
United Way of Anderson County

# Westside Community Center

*1100 West Franklin Street  
Anderson, South Carolina 29624  
Phone No. 260-1093/Fax No. 260-1094*

October 9, 2007

Mr. Mark Berenbrok  
SCDHEC, Petroleum Brownfields Coordinator  
Bureau of Land and Waste Management  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Mr. Berenbrok:

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Sincerely,



Dr. Beatrice Thompson  
Westside Community Center